

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application in view of the above amendments is respectfully requested. Claims 49-53 are canceled without prejudice, claim 48 is currently amended as discussed below, and claim 54 is currently amended to recite disclosed embodiments of the present invention. Support for the amendment to claim 48 may be found, for example, in cancelled original claim 47. Support for the amendments to claim 54 may be found, for example, in claim 48 and in the specification at page 15, lines 8-12. Thus, no new matter has been added.

In addition, the specification has been amended to include a Cross-Reference To Related Applications, in which Applicants have designated this application a divisional application of copending U.S. patent application Ser. No. 10/385,973, which is a divisional of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 09/900,679, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/216,081. The Application Data Sheet originally filed with the present application referred to this application as a continuation of 10/385,973; however, the pending claims properly render the application a divisional. In this regard, Applicants note that the pending claims correspond to Group VII of the restriction requirement dated 7/30/2002 in 09/900,679.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §112

Claim 56 stands rejected under section 112 because the limitation “W” allegedly lacks sufficient antecedent basis. This rejection is traversed, as antecedent basis is found, e.g., in Claim 48, from which claim 56 depends, which reads (at the top of page 3 of the Preliminary Amendment of 4/9/2004) “W is nitrogen or C-R_a...”

The current amendment to claim 48 and cancellation of claims 49-53 are believed to obviate all other rejections under section 112. Withdrawal of all 112 rejections is respectfully requested.

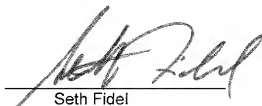
Claim Rejections: Double Patenting

The pending claims stand rejected on the grounds of alleged obviousness-type double patenting over claims 28-29 of US 6,753,336. The present application is a divisional of US 6,753,336, which is a divisional of US application No. 09/900,679, now US 6,569,861. The present application corresponds to Group VII of the restriction requirement of 7/30/2002 in 09/900,679. Therefore, under 35 USC 121, US 6,753,336 is not available as a reference against the present application. Withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully request that the above amendments be entered in the instant application and that the application be allowed to issue. If the Examiner believes that discussion of the application will be helpful, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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